

ALASKA RARE COINS

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AUCTION: TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 15TH IN FAIRBANKS. These are just the Alaskan items. If you want a complete listing, please call or write to the address above. Phone bids may be called in between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday to Saturday (noon on the day of the auction). Bids will also be accepted at the e-mail address above.

ALASKANA

ESTIMATE

240	ALASKA TOKEN: Bethel , Olsen Bros., Willard & Harlof, B-3 a-c, 25 and 50 Cents and \$1 in trade, AU or better. An attractive example of a relatively common set. Three tokens.	18.00
241	ALASKA TOKEN: Excursion Inlet , A.&P.S.C.Co., B-1a-d; 5, 10, 25 and 50 Cents in trade, AU or better. This is one of the neater, affordable sets of Alaska tokens in that there is not a round token included! The tokens are square, scalloped, 4-lobed and octagonal, respectively. Four tokens.	40.00
242	ALASKA TOKEN: Haines , The Brie Co., 12½¢ in trade, B-2a, AU with light corrosion. Quite scarce.	300.00
243	ALASKA TOKEN: Ketchikan , Blue Fox Pup, B-6, a,c,d,e; 5, 25 and 50 Cents and \$1 in trade, AG, corroded Fine, EF and EF respectively. Seems as though the 5 Cents token is always well worn. Lacking the scarce 10 Cents. A total of four tokens.	50.00
244	ALASKA TOKEN: Ketchikan , "P" Pioneer, B-41 a-c; 10, 25 and 100 Points, all Fine with a bit of corrosion. It is our understanding that these were used for gambling! A total of three tokens.	30.00
245	ALASKA TOKEN: Palmer , Masonic Penny, B-3a, AU with luster. Also included are the following tokens and medals from Palmer: (2) Chace Lounge, good for one drink, 1983 and 1985; Moose Lodge, good for one drink, 1978; Matanuska Valley trade dollar, 1963; Palmer Dollar, 1979; One ounce silver medal "Matanuska Valley, Heartland of Alaska." A total of seven pieces.	150.00+
246	ALASKA TOKEN: Skagway , Perry Hern, B-12a, three varieties, all 12½¢ in trade, VG to AU. Hern was in business in Skagway from 1917 to 1946. Simply based on wear, we would guess that variety II is the oldest. Perhaps a census is in order among Alaska token collectors! Three tokens.	15.00
247	ALASKA TOKEN: Talkeetna , The Fairview, B-2a, 12½¢ in merchandise, Fine with light corrosion. The Fairview is still in business (as the Fairview Inn), and using wooden drink tokens!	40.00
248	ALASKA TOKEN: Teller , Teller Commercial Co., B-3 ai, b-d; 5, 25 and 50 Cents and \$1 in trade, all AU except for the \$1 which is VG. The 5 Cents token is the common variety.	30.00
249	Alaska River Boat Receipts . Two receipts for river boats operated by the Alaska Yukon Transportation Company. The first is for the "Oil City" dated Aug. 19, 1907, for \$369 for 61½ cords of wood to the AT Wood Camp. The second is for the "Wilbur Crimmin" dated June 22, 1907 for 9½ cords of wood to A.R. Nollner. Nollner later had a general store in Galena. Two pieces.	25.00+
250	Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition 1909 Official Medal struck in bronze, XF. Attractive medal with the logo of the Expo on the obverse featuring three women and a portrait of William H. Seward. The reverse has the seal of the city of Seattle.	25.00
251	Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition 1909 Watch Fob in bronze or brass featuring the logo of the expo. VF or better, 38mm. Quite scarce.	25.00
252	Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition 1909 . Another watch fob, this one with the logo of the exposition enameled in red, blue, white, green and gold. Very attractive and scarce.	25.00
253	Alaska & Hawaii Statehood Medals , 1959. These large, 2½ inch diameter medals were authorized by the state legislatures. The Alaska medal is sterling with an Alaska map superimposed over a map of the U.S. The Hawaii medal shows a map of the Islands, and is struck in bronze. Both have state seals on the reverse. Housed in a custom Capital Plastics holder. Both were struck by Medallion Arts. Two medals.	250.00
254	Alaska Statehood Medal , 1959, struck in bronze. The same as the Alaska medal in the preceding lot, but struck in bronze, and encapsulated in a Lucite holder which stands upright.	25.00

255	Alaska Medals. Anchorage American Revolution Bicentennial Medals. A map of Alaska inside a "76." The reverse is an eagle flying over stylized mountains. Silver and bronze, limited to 500 sets of which this is 366.	25.00
256	"Carl Parker" 1 oz. Gold Medal, 1976. This medal was made for Carl Parker (a local miner) in the 1970s by Parker Industries (no relation) under the name of Northwest Territorial Mint in Washington state. The obverse shows Money Knob hill near Livengood (some debate on this), the reverse is similar to a Morgan Dollar. Bezel set in what appears to be a handmade gold bezel with a large loop. A neat historical piece, the coin being one ounce of pure gold.	450.00
257	Alaska Medals. A set of three medals celebrating the 25 th Anniversary of Statehood, issued by Westours, and featuring the cruise ships MS Noordam, MS Nieuw Amsterdam and SS Rotterdam. Three one ounce silver medals with a map of Alaska on the reverse.	60.00+
258	Official Alaska State Medals. A complete run from 1989 to 1997, inclusive. These are the so-called 1 oz. silver "Proof-like" medals which ironically had lower mintages than the proofs after 1991. This includes the "key" to the complete state set, the Eagle from 1992. The Alaska Mint started minting about half way through the year in 1992 after taking over the contract from the defunct Alaska Precious Metals. Consequently, mintages were low. Some of the medals are toned, others brilliant. 9 pieces.	400.00+
259	Alaska Mint "Gold Panner" Medals. Years offered are 1991, 1992 (undated), 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1997. The 1991 and 1995 are proofs, the balance are proof-like. All have a small nugget in the gold pan, except 1994. In 1996, this series became the "Gold Rush Centennial" medal, with a centennial every year since then. Beginning in 2003, they reverted to the gold panner theme, while continuing to make a "centennial" medal. Interesting, and difficult to assemble. A total of six medals.	150.00
260	Alaska Medals. Anchorage bid on the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. This silver and brass medal set promoted Anchorage as "America's Choice." The obverse features a speed skater, the reverse is a stylized snow flake and aurora. Struck prior to 1994, the medals are edgemarked "Michael's Jewelers", predecessor to the Anchorage Mint, and now the Alaska Mint.	20.00
261	Alaska Medal, Congressman Don Young Standing Up for Alaska, 25 years of Service, 1998, one ounce silver medal. Struck by the Alaska Mint. The obverse features Don's smiling face!	25.00
270	Gent's Gold Nugget Watch Band. An old style band by Ken Warburton (spelling?) With thick 10Kt. backs using a chunky overlay with jade Alaska Flag inserts. There is also a nuggeted clasp with jade insert separated from the two ends by a small Speidel expansion. The watch is a Timex (big deal) not currently running; This shows little actual use and is quite nice. New, about \$1,500 retail.	600.00-900.00
271	Gent's Bolo Tie. Ivory tips with a U.S. \$1 Type III Gold coin in a nuggeted gold bezel setting. The string shows some wear, otherwise very nice. New, this would retail for \$525.	300.00+
272	Gold Chain. A fine, 16" flat link chain in 14Kt worth about \$65 retail. Also included is a tri-color woven flat link chain in sterling that looks like Black Hills gold, approximately 8mm wide and 20" long. A neat chain with the appearance of gold. The 14Kt chain is new while the sterling chain is used. Two pieces.	50.00
273	Large Gold Nugget Ring. 14Kt shank with a large gold nugget on top. The total weight is slightly over ½ troy ounce. The shank is quite beefy and the ring was well made. It was worn (size 8) and the nugget is nice and smooth. New, this would have sold for about \$750. Our estimate...	450.00

OBITUARY

Jack Griffin, long time cocktail lounge owner in Anchorage and Homer passed away on July 18, 2003.

Mr. Griffin was owner or partner in many bars that issued tokens since the 1960s. In Anchorage, he was associated with the Hunter Supper Club, **Union Club**, **Alley Cat**, **Richmond**, **Crossroads** and the Holiday Lounge. In Homer, he owned the **Waterfront**, **Bayside**, **Yah Sure**, **Down East Saloon** and Jack's Other Place. (bold entries with known tokens, but unknown if they were under Mr. Griffin's ownership).

In recent years, he sold all his businesses and retired so he could spend time enjoying his home in Palm Desert, California.

Several tokens associated with Mr. Griffin can be found in this month's "For the Record."

FALKLAND ISLANDS TO ISSUE £2 COIN

The Falkland Islands plan to issue a £2 UK size bi-metal coin dated 2003 with the new portrait of the Queen and a down sized version of the reverse design of the commemorative millennium crown size coin - Penguin News.

